REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to comply with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821.

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to add references to appropriate sequence identifiers for amino acid sequences disclosed on p. 14, lines 25 and 31, p. 97, line 11, and p. 103, line 30. Claim 7 has been similarly amended to include a sequence identifier for the amino acid sequence disclosed therein. The amendment to the paragraph on p. 103 also changes the word "comformer" to "conformer" to correct a spelling error.

Claims 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 40, 41, 44 and 46-49 are pending in the instant application. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks made herein-be-entered into the record of the application.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the foregoing remarks into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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